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10/13/00PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application prior to its examination as follows.

In the Specification:

~~Page 7 line 2, after "R<sub>3</sub> = Arg or Lys," insert --R<sub>4</sub> = Met,~~  
Val or Ala,--.

In the Drawings:

Please cancel original Figs. 1-4 and substitute therefore the enclosed Figs. 1-3 (provided on Sheets 1/2 and 2/2). We note that these Figs. 1-3 on Sheets 1/2 and 2/2 were attached as annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

In the Claims:

~~On page 15, before claim 1, delete "CLAIMS" and insert therefore --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.~~

~~In claim 4 line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 3," and insert therefore --claim 1,--.~~

~~In claim 5 line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 4," and insert therefore --claim 1,--.~~